



## Pipeline Safety Auditing: Federal Compliance Guide

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### new and noteworthy

- **Minimum Random Drug Testing Rate Set at 50% for 2021:** The U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA) has announced that the minimum random drug testing rate for covered employees will remain at 50% for 2021 (85 FR 78931). PHMSA reminds operators that the random drug testing program includes contractors who are performing or are ready to perform covered functions. For calendar year 2020 reporting, the user name and password for the Drug and Alcohol Management Information System (DAMIS) will be available in the PHMSA Portal. The Tab D Rulebook has been updated accordingly.

### highlights of this release

- **Tab A—Natural Gas Systems:**
  - Introduction: The discussion of Regional Offices and State Programs has been updated with a new website address for the Pipeline Safety Department of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff.
- **Tab B—Liquefied Natural Gas Systems:**
  - Introduction: The Regulatory Summary has been updated with a new URL for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC), regarding their respective authority with respect to management of liquefied natural gas (LNG) facilities.
- **Tab D—Alcohol Misuse Prevention and Anti-Drug Program:**
  - Rulebook paragraph 2.3 has been updated to reflect the 50% rate set for random drug testing of covered employees in 2021.

# release notes

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## did you know?

- **Request for Public Comment on Pipeline Safety FAQs:** On November 4, 2020, PHMSA published a document titled "Pipeline Safety: Midstream Facilities Frequently Asked Questions" requesting public comments on a set of seven draft frequently asked questions (FAQs) developed by the Midstream Processing Working Group, established by the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (85 FR 70124). On December 4, 2020, PHMSA received a comment extension request submitted by the Association of Oil Pipelines, American Petroleum Institute, Interstate Natural Gas Association of America, American Gas Association, and GPA Midstream Association. PHMSA found that extension of the comment period was warranted based on the information provided in the request and therefore extended the comment period deadline from January 4, 2021, to February 4, 2021. For details, see <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-12-16/pdf/2020-27560.pdf>.



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